

MANAGEMENT ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

ZONE	RESOURCE CONDITION	VISITOR EXPERIENCE/ACTIVITIES	APPROPRIATE FACILITIES
VISITOR SERVICES /PARK ADMINISTRATION	Concentrated use <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed for high level of visitor activity and administrative operations.Resources might be modified for visitor access and park operations.Natural sounds and sights would be supplanted by human sights and sounds.Tolerance for moderate resource impacts.	High level of activity in developed areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sightseeing, walking, swimming, recreational fishing, boating, camping, educational activities, interacting with resources.Commercial fishing not allowed.Orientation and education opportunities greatest in this zone.Probability of encountering others would be high.Special events could be allowed with a permit.Vessel type, size and speed might be regulated.Commercial visitor services and facilities.	Highest level of visitor and administrative support facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Administrative facilities would be developed only on previously disturbed sites that are not near sensitive natural or cultural resources.Visitor centers, kiosks, wayside exhibits, educational spaces, observation boardwalks, improved trails, picnic areas.Maintenance, storage, offices, staff housing, roads, parking areas, docks, restrooms, navigational aids, mooring buoys.
DREDGED NAVIGATION CHANNELS	Boat transit in dredged channels <ul style="list-style-type: none">Channels would be managed for resource protection and to facilitate safe travel through and within the park.Resources within channels would be impacted by channel maintenance.Unnatural sounds might be prevalent.Tolerance for moderate resource impacts.Current depth, configuration, and alignment would not be changed, and no new channels would be created.	High level of human use and travel <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use of channels to travel through or gain access to other areas of the park; recreational and commercial fishing that does not impede traffic would be allowed.Self-reliance and navigational skills needed.High probability of encountering other people.Vessel size regulated by channel conditions; speed appropriate to conditions and skill levels.Commercial traffic could be authorized without a permit.	Minimal facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Navigational aids and signs in the channels would aid resource protection and enhance visitor safety.Depths in the channels would be as follows: Intracoastal Waterway – 7', Black Point – 4 ½', Homestead Bayfront – 4 ½', and Turkey Point – 7 ½'.
MULTIUSE	Recreate in natural and cultural settings <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed to enhance visitor experience and safety, protecting resources, minimizing impacts from visitor and commercial use and restoring disturbed areas.Natural conditions and processes predominate. Environment might be adapted for human use.Human sights and sounds might be apparent.Tolerance for moderate resource impacts.	Full range of recreation opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opportunities for visitors to interact with resources: Sightseeing, boating, scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming, recreational fishing, nature watching, hiking, picnicking, camping, and visiting cultural resources. Commercial fishing could be allowed.Probability of encountering others would be low to moderate most of the time.Special events could be allowed with permitVisitors activities could be limited to protect resources and enhance public safety.Vessel type, size and speed could be regulated.Commercial services provide appropriate visitor recreational activities.	Small, unobtrusive, dispersed facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide basic visitor services, enhance visitor safety.Primitive trails, camping and picnic sites.Signs, mooring buoys, navigation markers.Interpretive exhibits.Research equipment.
NONCOMBUSTION ENGINE USE	Natural sounds, shallow water habitat, and wildlife (manatee and bone fish) protection <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed for protecting water-based resources, restoring disturbed areas, minimizing visitor use impacts.Natural processes, sounds, sights and vistas would prevail.Tolerance for minor resource impacts.	Immersed in nature, tranquil <ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-combustion engine boating, sightseeing, recreational fishing, swimming, snorkeling and nature observation; commercial fishing could be permitted with hours, engine use, trap type, tackle, location specified.Probability of encountering others would be low.Combustion engine use not allowed except in designated areas 3-5' deep at slow speeds in channels.Limited commercial services provide appropriate visitor recreational activities.	Minimal facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Could include signs and other navigational aids to enhance resource protection or public safety.If installed, research apparatus would be minimal and unobtrusive.
ACCESS BY PERMIT	Protection for fish nursery areas and visitor experience <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed for resource protection, uncrowded visitor experience, minimized visitor use impacts.Natural processes, sounds, sights, and vistas predominate.Tolerance for minor resource impacts.	Full range of recreation opportunities through a permit system <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sightseeing, boating, swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, hiking, picnicking, camping, visiting cultural resources, nature watching, educational activities, recreational and commercial fishing.Probability of encountering others would be low.Vessel type, size and speed might be regulated.Commercial services provide activities to groups limited in size.	Minimal facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Could include signs and other navigational aids to enhance resource protection or public safety.If installed, research apparatus would be minimal and unobtrusive.
NATURE OBSERVATION	Intact ecosystem preservation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed to preserve natural and cultural resources, restore degraded and impacted resources.Natural processes, sights, sounds, and vistas would prevail.Tolerance for minor resource impacts.Minimal human-caused intrusions	Visitors experiencing sustainable ecosystems such as coral reefs with fully-functioning interdependent communities of organisms <ul style="list-style-type: none">Boating, sightseeing, swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, nature observation, hiking, recreational and commercial fishing.Probability of encountering others would be low.Vessel type, size and speed could be regulated.Limited commercial services might be appropriate to provide recreational activities compatible with resource protection goals.	Minimal facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Could include signs and other navigational aids to enhance resource protection or public safety.If installed, research apparatus would be minimal and unobtrusive.
SENSITIVE UNDERWATER ARCHEOLOGICAL	Protection for underwater cultural sites <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed to preserve significant and vulnerable underwater cultural sites.Natural sea and soundscapes maintained.Human-caused cultural resource degradation would not be tolerated.Intervention to natural processes might occur to protect cultural site integrity.Preservation and stabilization actions might occur.	Visitors view protected zone from within vessels on the surface of the water <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sightseeing, nature-watching, drifting and transit through the zone. Recreational hook and line fishing allowed. Swimming and diving not allowed.Probability of encountering others would be low to moderate.Vessel type, size and speed could be regulated.Limited commercial services that provide appropriate visitor recreational activities might be allowed.	Minimal facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Could include signs and other navigational aids to enhance resource protection or public safety.If installed, research apparatus would be minimal and unobtrusive.
SENSITIVE RESOURCE	Complete protection of exceptional and critical resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed to protect and preserve exceptional and critical ecosystems, habitats and processes.Natural processes, land, sea and soundscapes would predominate.No tolerance for resource impacts.Intervention, restoration, stabilization could occur to mitigate human-caused destruction.	Visitor activities would not occur <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visitors would not be allowed to access the zone.Use of the zone would be highly restricted.Research activities might be allowed under a permit.Visitors would benefit from learning about sensitive and vulnerable resources and how they are studied and preserved.Vessels and vehicles would be restricted from the zone except for administrative, emergency, or research purposes.Commercial activity would not be allowed.	Facilities would not be allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none">If installed, research apparatus would be minimal and unobtrusive.